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## Be a Trustees Volunteer

Work with Trustees staff, meet others who share your interests, and contribute to the value our special places bring to the community. Ongoing opportunities through the winter months include:

### Firewood Processing Crew

Weekdays, Flexible Schedule  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
esmall@thetrustees.org

### Stone Wall Clearing Crew

3rd Saturday each month, 9AM-12Noon,  
December-May  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
esmall@thetrustees.org

### Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 3:30-5PM  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
781.740.7233

### Digitization Intern

Weekdays, Flexible Schedule  
Archives and Research Center, Sharon  
781.784.8200

### Snowshoe Rental Assistant

Sundays, January-March  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.532.1631 x3119

### Program/Event Assistant

Various Dates  
Farandnear, Shirley  
413.532.1631 x3119

### Historical Collections Team

Weekdays, Flexible Schedule  
Naumkeag/Mission House, Stockbridge  
413.532.1631 x3119

Various Positions, including:  
Visitor Center Greeter, Café Assistant,  
Equipment Rental Assistant,  
Trail Scout

Flexible Schedule  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.532.1631 x3119  
tbeasley@thetrustees.org

**These positions are among scores of opportunities for you to help us out at our properties across the state.**

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE STATE



NEW!

## February School Vacation Programs

The Trustees is launching a variety of special programs for kids and families during February school vacation, providing outdoor excursions and exploration activities at a dozen properties across the state. Kids can experience a different adventure each day at Ravenswood Park in Gloucester, Bird Park in Walpole, or the Ames Estate in Easton. The Old Manse in Concord is offering special kid-themed tours, Weir River Farm in Hingham has oodles of winter farm adventures, and Long Point Wildlife Refuge on Martha's Vineyard

is hosting scavenger hunts and quests. Snowshoes for your whole family are available for rental at Rocky Woods in Medfield and Ravenswood Park. And there are amazing nature expeditions at Bartholomew's Cobble in Sheffield, as well as pizza making at Powisset Farm in Dover and even igloo building on the Allée at Castle Hill in Ipswich! From snowman building to nature hikes, wildlife tracking, and hot cocoa (of course!), what's not to love? For full details, visit **Things To Do** at [thetrustees.org](http://thetrustees.org).



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## Plant two trees with one seed!

Is your company volunteering with The Trustees? Corporate volunteers give back in ways that are valuable not only to us and the community, but to their employees as well. Options include:

### Volunteer Service Days

Fun and meaningful opportunities to work alongside our staff to get much-needed tasks accomplished.

### Customized Service Days

Aligned to your company's broader sustainability and social responsibility initiatives.

### Skills Based Volunteerism

Lending professional services to help build and sustain our capacity to support our mission.

If your company is not already working with us, please suggest that The Trustees would be a great addition to its corporate citizenship service program.

For more details on these jobs, a full list of all our volunteer opportunities, and more information on corporate volunteering, visit [thetrustees.org/volunteer](http://thetrustees.org/volunteer).

# Progressing Toward New Reservations

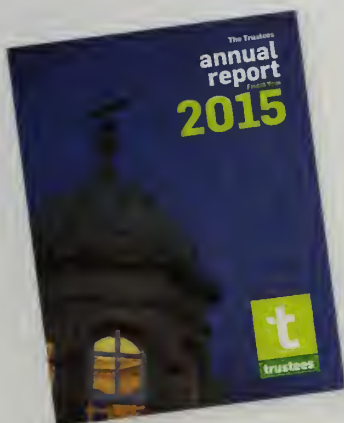
The Trustees is making great strides toward the integration of two properties – one new and one greatly expanded – with a goal of opening them both to the public in the new year. In Dover and Natick, the magnificent sweeping vistas seen from historic Pegan Hill, right, will soon be available for the public to enjoy. Through significant and meaningful collaboration with our partners the Dover Land Conservation Trust, the Town of Natick, and the New England Forestry Foundation, we will soon be able to more than double our existing 32-acre Pegan Hill Reservation and combine our trail systems to greatly improve our visitors' experiences at the site. At press time, the Town of



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Natick has just approved a critical aspect of the funding effort and we are now looking forward to working out the final elements of the deal. And on Martha's Vineyard, we are pleased to report that we have achieved our fundraising goal and, at press time, are in final negotiations on an agreement

to combine The FARM Institute with The Trustees. This funding will ensure the creation of a teaching kitchen for the 186-acre Katama Farm, as well as an endowment to support stewardship, operations, and program growth for many years to come.



## Annual Report Published

The Trustees Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015 (which ended March 31, 2015) has been published digitally and is now available for viewing at [thetrustees.org/annualreport](http://thetrustees.org/annualreport).

## Trustees present 124th Annual Meeting

More than 200 volunteer leaders and other special friends of The Trustees gathered at the State Room in Boston on October 29, 2015 for the 124th Annual Meeting of voting members. In addition to approving a motion to

add new members to our governance boards and welcoming a new Life Trustee, the evening paid tribute to dedicated volunteers and exceptional employees, reflected on the past year's accomplishments, and provided a sneak

peek to where we are headed in the years to come. The entire evening was captured on video, which can be seen at [thetrustees.org/annual15](http://thetrustees.org/annual15).



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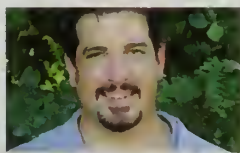
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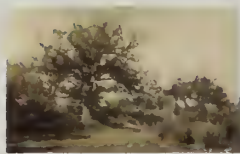
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Share your magical moments with us!

# MESSAGE

*from the President*


## A Wonder-full New Year

Massachusetts' love/hate relationship with snow begins. Shoveling, ice dams, and school closings can also mean great snowshoeing, snowmen, hot cocoa, and time spent with family outdoors. Winter in New England is one of the most picturesque seasons, but also provides challenges for those of us who want to be outdoors. We are working hard to make sure there are still many options for wintery wonders. We have introduced more snowshoe rentals and more programs for the family. Please find a way to discover old man winter on a Trustees property.

This time of year, I am always sympathetic to the staff who devotedly and committedly work to keep our properties plowed, safe, resilient and beautiful. I applaud all of our stewardship staff and hope that you will thank them too.

I write this letter knowing that this new year will include our 125th Anniversary launch, a yearlong celebration to honor, remember, and build upon our organization's long and powerful legacy. No other organization holds our status in age or in mission. One bold idea birthed a movement. Ideas can be complicated creatures. They grow in our minds and hearts. They inspire and they evolve to embrace the new world order.

Today, I know Charles Eliot would be proud of how we are fulfilling his mission to save historical and beautiful places for all to enjoy. Join us this year, beginning on May 21, to commemorate this momentous anniversary. Consider this my personal invitation to you to join me and the Trustees in 2016 as we explore, remember, and look forward, all in honor of our 125th!



Barbara J. Erickson  
President & CEO



Habitat Update

# Home Sweet Home

Across the state, our staff and volunteers are working to protect natural places and the animals that call them home. Here's an update on some of our feathered and furry friends on the Cape and Islands.

## Vineyard Landing

Black skimmers are unique among North American birds, with their distinctive feeding method of skimming the water's surface while dragging their lower bill through the water to catch small fish. The only American representative of the skimmer family, they are one of 233 North American birds on the North American Bird Conservation Initiative's Watch List, as species most in need of conservation action. Black skimmers recently began nesting at The Trustees' Norton Point Beach (on Martha's Vineyard). "It's exciting to have them here as they are on the edge of their range," says Caitlin Borck, Ecology Assistant for the Southeast Region.

Primarily found along coasts, rivers and waterways of the southern U.S., as well as parts of the Caribbean and South

America, black skimmers rarely nest this far north. Borck reports, "Last season we only had one nest on Norton Point, but the others moved to nearby Little Beach in Edgartown (which is monitored by BiodiversityWorks). This year, we started

with no nesting pairs, but after the birds at Little Beach hatched and fledged chicks, we had five pairs arrive. Four of those pairs nested and fledged a remarkable seven chicks this year!"



## Monument Mountain's Peregrines Return



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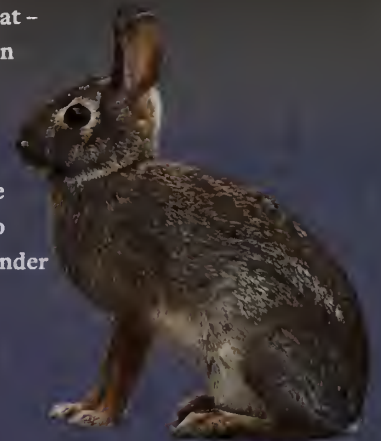
One of only 14 historical rocky cliff nesting sites for the peregrine falcon in Massachusetts, Monument Mountain in Great Barrington was, in 1955, the last known nesting site in the state. Now, 60 years later, we have confirmation that the falcons are nesting and successfully raising chicks on Monument Mountain again. Although most nesting peregrines in Massachusetts are now on man-made structures, Monument is a natural cliff that supported peregrines likely long before there were skyscrapers.

## Here Comes (Back) the New England Cottontail

The Trustees have teamed up with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the last several years to improve habitat for the New England cottontail at Mashpee River Reservation on Cape Cod. Often confused with the introduced, non-native Eastern cottontail, the New England cottontail is the only rabbit native to the Northeast. The cottontail's range has decreased a disheartening 86% in the last half-century, and the Mashpee project is helping improve habitat by reducing tree cover to encourage the dense regeneration of shrubs, saplings, and vines—the kind

of cozy environment preferred by cottontails.

In 2006, the New England cottontail was identified as a candidate for Endangered Species Act protection. But we're happy to report that – through the efforts of many conservation partners in New England and New York, including the Trustees' Habitat Restoration Project at Mashpee – the USFWS has recently announced that the New England cottontail is on the path to recovery and will not need to be listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.





**This striking, hand-painted wallpaper graces the hallway at Long Hill in Beverly.**



# Hidden Treasures

BY CHRISTIE JACKSON

*Our historic houses reveal surprising artistic discoveries*

Inspiration can come in many forms. A memorable moment. Family and friends gathered together. A stirring literary work. A vista that imbues an unexpected emotion. Perhaps, then, it is no surprise that over the years—and really centuries—the properties now under The Trustees’ care have served as inspiration for many. One need only look at the plethora of artwork that has used our landscapes as a muse to appreciate this enduring link. Yet, not all these inspired artworks are framed and hanging on a wall. If you look a little more closely, chances are, you will also discover unexpected examples of inspired artwork in the most unusual places.

If you are armed with a flashlight in hand and are poking around the attic at the Old Manse in Concord, you will inevitably stumble upon a curious sight. In the largest bedroom with pale yellow plaster walls, a bumble bee, catfish, bird, and rodent casually decorate the room. Drawn in pencil over the uneven surface in the 1860s, these creatures give a whimsical note to an otherwise solemn attic once often reserved for ministers-in-training who boarded at the house. The wise, wishful words, “Here we sleep and dream” are written to one side, as well as the charming statement “This is Eddy Simmon’s ceiling,” perhaps the only indication that these sophisticated artworks were actually drawn by a child, Edward Emerson Simmons, who wanted to leave a mark as



**Attic graffiti:**  
Eddy Simmons  
bee pencil  
drawing at the  
Old Manse.

a youngster. Indeed, these fanciful drawings were a premonition of things to come. Born in Concord and the son of Reverend George Simmons, a Unitarian minister and abolitionist, Edward would eventually attend Harvard College and go on to study art at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Académie Julian and the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Prolific in his work, some of Edward’s most lauded pieces include a stained glass commission with Louis Comfort Tiffany at Harvard University’s Memorial Hall and painted murals at Chicago’s 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition, the Library of Congress, and the Massachusetts State House. In his autobiography, Edward recounts eagerly exploring Concord and its landscape, because, as he says, “like all boys, I was intensely interested in birds and small animals.” No doubt, these



**Mabel Choate's paintings (above and right) are saturated with the colors found in the designed spaces that surround Naumkeag in Stockbridge. Visit in person to see what a happy surprise the pagoda (right) is in the landscape.**

early investigations influenced his informal sketches at the Old Manse as well as his later career.

Across the state and several decades later, Mabel Choate's interactions with the natural world greatly influenced her life. Mabel was an astute antique collector, a horticulturalist, and a worldwide traveler. Her family's home and landscape at Naumkeag in Stockbridge reflect these lifelong passions—the breathtaking house is filled with exquisite antiques and sits within a landscape that is forward thinking in its color-scapes and energetic in its aspirations to highlight local species interspersed with garden ornamentation collected from all over the world. Coupled with this, Mabel also developed a love of art. She and her siblings learned how to paint from their mother in the schoolroom at Naumkeag, which today still holds her easel. A grouping of more than 100 sketches and watercolors were found tucked into the drawers of an ornately carved 18th-century maple secretary for safekeeping. Colorful Naumkeag landscapes, floral still



lives, and idyllic country scenes make up most of the collection. While The Trustees' own many historical photographs of the landscape surrounding Naumkeag, there is something expressly more intimate about viewing the vistas through Mabel's eyes, seeing where she pauses in her brushstrokes to take in the view and exploring the confluence of colors she witnessed.

At Long Hill in Beverly sits the majestic

summer home of Atlantic Monthly Editor Ellery Sedgwick and his wife, Mabel Cabot Sedgwick. The 114-acre property sits squarely on a drumlin (a glacial mound) which affords lovely views across the rolling hills. The Sedgwick's love of nature and gardening permeates throughout this property—from the hundreds of books in their library pertaining to plants and gardening, to the playful series of outdoor garden 'rooms'





**The muted tones and curving delicate lines of the painted mural (above and right) in the upstairs bedroom at Long Hill evoke a slightly quiet, otherworldly feeling. In the hallway of the same stately home, the asian-inspired wallpaper (below and right) has a more dense, vibrant feeling.**



adorned with sculptures, a pagoda, and patio furniture. Inside the house, the natural inspiration playfully continues. Antique, hand-painted Chinese wallpaper adorns the hallway. A ground of vivid green plays backdrop to a delightful garden of trees, vines, and pink flowering plants, which 'grows' along the entire, grand first floor hallway and cascades up the stairs. The paper was purchased in 1926 in London and was supposedly embellished for the Sedgwick family by painter Harry Sutton, who happened to be a former beau of daughter Henrietta Sedgwick Lockwood. Upstairs a delightful hand-painted mural by family friend Mabel Sturgis graces all four walls of a bedroom. Painted in 1925, this mural specifically depicts (and documents) the flora and fauna found in the Sedgwick's garden. Its light cream and peach background makes the murals seem to float in the space, where a petite chickadee perches next to the servant's buzzer and a rabbit stands at attention look-



ing at the door, as if reacting to the person entering the room. One can easily envision Mabel looking out the window to gain inspiration for her mural.

We are fortunate that today we can stand in the same places where these artists stood and see for ourselves the awe-inspiring views unfolding before us. Their inspiration is our inspiration.

*Christie Jackson is The Trustees' Senior Curator.*



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For a full view of the amazing Things To Do throughout the winter at Trustees places across the state, check out our comprehensive pullout guide. And make sure to visit [www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do](http://www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do) for any last-minute changes in event details.



# THINGS TO DO

WINTER  
2016



January | February | March



# January

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

### Cross Country Skiing and Hot Chocolate

**Saturday, Jan 2 & Jan 23  
11AM-1PM**

Gov. Oliver Ames Estate, Easton  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Nordic Race Series: Kick Off Classic

**Sunday, Jan 3 | 10AM-1PM**

Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Trustees OR Berkshire Trails Member  
\$10; Free for members of both;  
Nonmember \$20

### Snowshoe Sundays Sundays, Jan 3 - Mar 13 10AM-3PM

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult & Child Snowshoe  
Rental \$5; Nonmember Adult & Child  
Snowshoe Rental \$7

### Snowshoe Yoga

**Sundays, Jan 3 - Jan 31  
11AM-12:15PM**

Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$12; Nonmember \$15

### Winter Warmth & Walk

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 10AM-12Noon**

Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Back to the Pond: Ice Skating

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 10AM-3PM**

Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Winter Trails Day

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 10AM-3PM**

Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Member (without season pass) Adult  
\$4, Child \$2; Nonmember Adult \$7.50,  
Child \$3

### Snowshoe Clinic

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 11AM-12Noon**

Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

### Snowy Owl Prowl

**Saturdays, Jan 9 & Jan 16,  
Sunday, Jan 10 | 1-3PM**

Crane Wildlife Refuge, Ipswich  
978.810.5892  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Fit on the Farm

**Wednesday, Jan 13 | 6-8PM**

Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$35; Nonmember \$40

### Moose Ecology Talk and Snowshoe

**Saturday, Jan 16 | 10AM-12Noon**

Stevens Property (Hilltown Land  
Trust), Huntington, MA  
413.628.4485 x4  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Let it Snow! Snowshoe Rentals

**Weekends starting Saturday,  
Jan 16 - Mar 20 | 10AM-3PM**

Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Nordic Race Series: Skate Race

**Sunday, Jan 17 | 10AM**

Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Trustees OR Berkshire Trails Member  
\$10; Free if members of both;  
Nonmember \$20

### Full Moon Dune Walk & Hot Cocoa

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 5PM or at dark**

Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Norton  
Point Beach, Long Point Wildlife  
Refuge, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Adult \$10; Member Child \$5;  
Nonmember Adult \$15; Nonmember  
Child \$5

### Full Moon and Folklore Hike

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 6-8PM**

Crane Wildlife Refuge, Ipswich  
978.810.5892  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Toddy Moon Ski & Snowshoe

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 7-10PM**

Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Snowshoe Saturday

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 10AM-2PM**

Norris Reservation, Norwell  
508.636.4693 x5010  
Member \$10/rental; Nonmember  
\$20/rental

### DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Snowshoeing at Farandnear

**Sunday, Jan 24 | 10AM-3PM**

Farandnear, Shirley  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult and Child \$5 rental;  
Nonmember Adult and Child \$7 rental

### Ward Winter Snowshoe/ Hike Treks

**Sunday, Jan 24 | 1-3PM**

Ward Reservation, Andover and  
North Andover  
978.921.1944 x4020  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Winter Weekend Snowshoe Rentals

**Weekends starting Sunday,  
Jan 24 - Mar 13 | 10AM-3PM**

Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Tully Lake Winter Camp Out

**Saturday, Jan 30 - Sunday, Jan 31  
11AM-2PM**

Tully Lake Campground, Royalston  
413.532.1631 x10  
Member (all ages) \$25; Nonmember  
(all ages) \$35

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & TALKS

### Whole Grain Bread Workshop

**Wednesday, Jan 6 | 6-8PM**

Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member: \$25; Nonmember \$30

### Thriving Thursdays:

**Grow Your Own Sprouts**

**Thursday, Jan 7 | 6-7:30PM**

Boston Public Market, Boston  
617.542.7696 x2115  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### From the Farm Kettle: Soups

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 3-5:30PM**

Appleton Farms, Hamilton and  
Ipswich  
978.356.5728 x4115  
Member \$60; Nonmember \$75;  
Series of three workshops: Member  
\$150; Nonmember \$180

### Cookbook & Kitchen Utensil Swap

**Sunday, Jan 10 | 1-3PM**

Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Movie Night: Symphony of the Soil

**Sunday, Jan 10 | 4-6PM**

Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Snowshoeing: Craft, Care and Style

**Tuesdays, Jan 12 - Jan 26 | 1-3PM**

Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens,  
New Bedford  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

### The Bird Park Legacy

**Wednesday, Jan 13 | 6-7PM**

Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Winter Landscape Photography

**Friday, Jan 15 | 3-4:30PM**

Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Norton  
Point Beach, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Adult \$20; Member Child \$12;  
Nonmember \$30; Nonmember Child  
\$12

### In the Steps of Thoreau Lecture

**Friday, Jan 15 | 6-8PM**

Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Cooking with Annie at Powisset: Winter Greens & Grains

**Friday, Jan 22 | 2-4PM**

Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$55; Nonmember \$65

### Mrs. Bradley's Winter Recipes

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 1-3PM**

Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, Canton  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member \$30; Nonmember \$30

### From the Farm Kettle: Chowders

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 3-5:30PM**

Appleton Farms, Hamilton and Ipswich  
978.356.5728 x4115  
Member \$60; Nonmember \$75; Series  
of three workshops: Member \$150;  
Nonmember \$180

### Farmhouse Pot Pies

**Friday, Jan 29 | 6-9PM**

Appleton Farms, Hamilton and Ipswich  
978.356.5728 x4115  
Member \$75; Nonmember \$90

### Cooking at the Farm: Grape Leaves

**Saturday, Jan 30 | 10-12Noon**

Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$25; Nonmember \$35

### Winter Photography Workshop

**Saturday, Jan 30 | 10AM-3PM**

Gov. Oliver Ames Estate, Easton  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$75; Nonmember \$100



Program details subject to change. For the most up-to-date event information, or to search for events in your area, at a specific property, by type or by date, click on *Things To Do* at [thetrustees.org](http://thetrustees.org).



COOKING



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# THINGS TO DO

## Fire Worship

**Saturday, Jan 30 | 6-7:30PM**  
Old Manse, Concord  
978.369.3909  
Member \$5; Nonmember Adult \$10;  
Senior/Student \$9; Child (6-12) \$5;  
Family (2 adults & up to 3 children) \$25

## FAMILY FUN

### Polar Explorers Club: After School Adventures

**Tuesdays, Jan 5, Jan 19 | 3-5PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

### Itsy Bitsy Explorers

**Tuesdays, Jan 5 - Feb 23  
11AM-12Noon**  
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$80/8-week session;  
Nonmember \$120/8-week session

### Mid-Week Winter Wonder

**Wednesdays, Jan 6, Jan 20 | 3-5PM**  
Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens,  
New Bedford  
598.636.4693 x5011  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Itsy Bitsy Explorers

**Thursdays, Jan 7 - Feb 25  
12-1PM**  
Gov. Oliver Ames Estate, Easton  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$80/8-week series;  
Nonmember \$120/8-week series

### Warm up this Winter at the Discovery Center!

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 10AM-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Seaside Saturdays

**Saturdays, Jan 9 & Jan 23  
11AM-1PM**  
Long Point Wildlife Refuge,  
Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Child \$5; Nonmember Child  
\$10; All adults Free

### Garden Dreams Winter Sculptures

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 1-3PM**  
Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, Canton  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member \$25/family; Nonmember \$40/  
family

### Night by Light Winter Fun on the Farm

**Saturday, Jan 9 | 5-7PM**  
Chestnut Hill Farm, Southborough  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Owl Prowl & Story Time

**Sunday, Jan 10 | 3-5PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult \$5, Child Free,  
Snowshoe Rental \$5; Nonmember  
Adult \$10, Child Free, Snowshoe  
Rental \$7

### Winter Story Time (Pre-schoolers)

**Sundays, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24,  
Jan 31 | 10-11AM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.356.4351 x4013  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Winter Safari

**Tuesdays, Jan 12 & Jan 26  
11AM-1PM**  
Norris Reservation, Norwell  
508.636.4693 x5010  
Member \$10/family; Nonmember  
\$15/family

### Itsy Bitsy Explorers

**Wednesdays, Jan 13 - Feb 10  
9:30-10:30AM**  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
781.740.7233  
Member \$50; Nonmember \$75

### Ecosploration

**Wednesdays, Jan 13 - Feb 10  
3-4:30PM**  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
781.740.7233  
Member \$75; Nonmember \$100  
(5 Week series)

### Night Light Adventures!

**Wednesday, Jan 13 | 6-8PM**  
Ward Reservation, Andover and  
North Andover  
978.356.4351 x4020  
Member \$15/car; Nonmember \$25/car

### Come Home to Bradley: Indoor Warmth and Outdoor Fun!

**Thursdays, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28  
11AM-3PM**  
Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, Canton  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member Free; Nonmember \$15

### Polar Explorers After-school Club (ages 7-12)

**Thursday, Jan 14 | 3-5PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.356.4351 x4020  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

### Cape Ann Discovery Center

**Weekends starting Saturday,  
Jan 16 - Mar 20 | 10AM-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Chickering Cabin Grand Opening Festival

**Sunday, Jan 17 | 11AM-3PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Special Opening

**Monday, Jan 18 | 12Noon-4:30PM**  
Old Manse, Concord  
978.369.3909  
Member: \$5; Nonmember Adult \$10;  
Senior/Student \$9; Child (6-12) \$5;  
Family (2 adults & up to 3 children)  
\$25

### Creature Feature: Live Animal Presentation

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 5-7PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member Adult \$10, Child \$5;  
Nonmember Adult \$20, Child \$10

### Full Moon Winter Fun on the Farm

**Saturday, Jan 23 | 5-7PM**  
Chestnut Hill Farm, Southborough  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Winter Animal Tracking

**Sunday, Jan 24 | 1-2:30 PM**  
Governor Hutchinson's Field, Milton  
617.542.7696 x2115  
Member: \$5/Person or \$10/Family;  
Nonmember: \$7/Person or \$15/Family

### Ward Winter Fest

**Sunday, Jan 31 | 12Noon-3PM**  
Ward Reservation, Andover and  
North Andover  
978.921.1944 x4020  
Member Free; Nonmember \$10/car



Where would you like to explore?

**BERKSHIRES PIONEER VALLEY CENTRAL GREATER BOSTON NORTH SHORE SOUTH SHORE SOUTH COAST CAPE & ISLANDS**





# February

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

### Winter Weekend Snowshoe Rentals

**Weekends through Mar 13 10AM-3PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Let it Snow! Snowshoe Rentals

**Weekends through Mar 20 10AM-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Snowshoe Sundays

**Sundays through Mar 13 10AM-3PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult & Child Snowshoe Rental \$5; Nonmember Adult & Child Snowshoe Rental \$7

### Snowshoe or Cross Country Ski Adventure

**Tuesdays, Feb 2, Feb 9, Feb 19 2-4PM**  
Norton Point Beach, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Adult \$10; Nonmember Adult \$15

**Winter Warmth & Walk Saturday, Feb 6 | 10-12Noon**  
Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Snowshoe Saturdays

**Saturdays, Feb 6, Feb 20 10AM-2PM**  
Norris Reservation, Norwell  
508.636.4693 x5010  
Member \$10/rental; Nonmember \$20/rental

**Pre-Game Walk Sunday, Feb 7 | 9AM-12Noon**  
Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover  
978.356.4351 x4020  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

**Snowshoe Clinic Saturday, Feb 13 | 11AM-12Noon**  
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

**Yoga & Snowshoe Saturday, Feb 13 | 10AM-12:30PM**  
Bullitt Reservation, Ashfield and Conway  
413.628.4485 x4  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### The Amazing Arctic Race

**Saturday, Feb 13 | 12-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.356.4351 x4020  
Member \$20/team; Nonmember \$30/team

### Valentine Eve Ski & Sweets

**Saturday, Feb 13 | 7-10PM**  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Member (Adults and Children) \$10; Nonmember (Adults and Children) \$20

### For the Love of Cheesel

**Valentine's Day Après Ski with Appleton Cheeses Sunday, Feb 14 | 1-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$20; Nonmember \$30

### Snowy Owl Prowl

**Saturday, Feb 20 | 1-3PM**  
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Ipswich  
978.810.5892  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Full Moon Hike & Pizza

**Saturday, Feb 20 | 5-7PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Brew Moon Ski & Snowshoe

**Saturday, Feb 20 | 7-8PM**  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Ward Winter Snowshoe/ Hike Treks

**Sunday, Feb 21 | 1-3PM**  
Ward Reservation, Andover and North Andover  
978.921.1944 x4020  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Full Moon Dune Walk & Hot Cocoa

**Monday, Feb 22 | 5PM or at dark**  
Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Norton Point Beach, Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Adult \$10, Child \$5; Nonmember Adult \$15, Child \$5

### Full Moon & Folklore Hike

**Monday, Feb 22 | 9-8PM**  
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Ipswich  
978.810.5892  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Fit on the Farm

**Wednesday, Feb 24 | 6-8PM**  
Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$35; Nonmember \$40

### The Great Race at Rocky Woods

**Saturday, Feb 27 | 12Noon-3PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10/ team; Nonmember \$20/team

### Nordic Race Series: Duathlon

**Sunday, Feb 28 | 10AM**  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Trustees OR Berkshire Trails Members \$10; Free if members of both, Nonmember \$20

### DIY (Do-it-Yourself)

**Snowshoeing at Farandnear Sunday, Feb 28 | 10AM-3PM**  
Farandnear, Shirley  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult and Child: \$5 rental; Nonmember Adult and Child: \$7 rental

### Winter Wanderings at the Cobble: Snowshoe and Yoga

**Sunday, Feb 29 | 2-4PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20; Cost does not include the cost of snowshoe rentals

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & TALKS

### Cheese Making & Tasting

**Lecture Friday, Feb 5 | 6-9PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### From the Farm Kettle: Stews

**Saturday, Feb 6 | 3-5:30PM**  
Appleton Farms, Hamilton and Ipswich  
978.356.5728 x4115  
Member \$60; Nonmember \$75; Series of three workshops: Member \$150 Nonmember \$180

### Time to Order Seeds!

**Tuesdays, Feb 9, Feb 16 | 1-3PM**  
Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, New Bedford  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### The Bird Park Legacy

**Wednesday, Feb 10 | 6-7PM**  
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Sweets With Your Sweetie

**Thursday, Feb 11 | 6-7:30PM**  
Boston Public Market, Boston  
617.542.7696 x2115  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$25

### Winter Nature Photography & Art Exhibits and

**Receptions Saturday, Feb 27 | 12-4PM**  
Thursdays, Feb 11 - Feb 25 11AM - 1PM  
Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, Canton  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Winter Landscape

**Photography Friday, Feb 12 | 3-4:30PM**  
Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge/Norton Point Beach, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Adult \$20, Child \$12; Nonmember \$30, Child \$12

### Valentine's Farm Dinner and

**Culinary Workshop Saturday, Feb 13 | 9-9PM**  
Appleton Farms, Hamilton and Ipswich  
978.356.5728 x4115  
Member \$85; Nonmember \$100

### Romance at the Manse

**Saturday, Feb 13 - Sunday, Feb 14 3-4:30PM**  
Old Manse, Concord  
978.369.3909  
Member \$5; Nonmember Adult \$10; Senior/Student \$9; Child (6-12) \$5; Family (2 adults & up to 3 children) \$25

### Winter Wanderings at the

**Cobble: Herbs & Pollens Sunday, Feb 14 | 2-4PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Shetfield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member \$5, Child Free; Nonmember \$10, Child Free; Cost does not include the price of snowshoe rentals

### Thriving Thursdays

**Vegetable Garden Planning Thursday, Feb 18 | 6-7:30PM**  
Boston Public Market, Boston  
617.542.7696 x2115  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Camellias in Spring

**Sunday, Feb 21 | 2-3:30PM**  
Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, Canton  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$25

### Retro Recreations: Recipe

**Classics Reinvented Friday, Feb 26 | 6-9PM**  
Appleton Farms, Hamilton and Ipswich  
978.356.5728 x4115  
Member \$75; Nonmember \$90

### Backyard Chickens

**Saturday, Feb 27 | 10AM-11:30AM**  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
781.740.7233  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$25

### Cooking with Annie at Powisset

**Farm: Root Veggies Saturday, Feb 27 | 12-4PM**  
Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$55; Nonmember \$65

### The Trustees Gardener Series:

**Dreaming Green Sunday, Feb 28 | 10AM-12Noon**  
Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover  
978.921.1944 x4020  
Member \$25; Nonmember \$35

### Winter Photography Workshop

**Sunday, Feb 29 | 10AM-3PM**  
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$75; Nonmember \$100

### Movie Night: Fed Up

**Sunday, Feb 29 | 4-6PM**  
Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member, Nonmember Free

## FAMILY FUN

### Itsy Bitsy Explorers

**Tuesdays through Feb 23 11AM-12Noon**  
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member: \$80/8 week session; Nonmember: \$120/8 week session

### Itsy Bitsy Explorers

**Wednesdays through Feb 10 9:30-10:30AM**  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
781.740.7233  
Member \$50; Nonmember \$75

### Itsy Bitsy Explorers

**Thursdays through Feb 25 | 12-1PM**  
Gov. Oliver Ames Estate, Easton  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$80/8 week series; Nonmember \$120/8 week series

### Ecosploration

**Wednesdays through Feb 10 3-4:30PM**  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
781.740.7233  
Member \$75; Nonmember \$100 (5-Week series)

### Cape Ann Discovery Center

**Weekends through Mar 20 10AM-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Itsy Bitsy Explorers

**Wednesday, Feb 3 to Thursday, Mar 31 | Wednesdays 9:30-10:30AM & Thursdays 3-4PM**  
Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Child \$10/Class; \$80/8 Series; Nonmember Child \$15/Class; \$120/8 Series

### Seaside Saturdays

**Saturdays, Feb 6, Feb 20 11AM-1PM**  
Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Child \$5; Nonmember Child \$10; All Adults Free

### Winter Fun Day

**Saturday, Feb 6 | 1-3PM**  
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Stargazing at the Cobble

**Saturday, Feb 6 | 7:30-9PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult \$5, Child Free; Nonmember Adult \$10, Child Free

### Super Bowl Sunday Pickup

**Games Sunday, Feb 7 | 10AM-12Noon**  
Gov. Oliver Ames Estate, Easton  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Winter Story Time

**(pre-schoolers) Sundays, Feb 7, Feb 14, Feb 29 10-11AM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Do You Want to Build a

**Snowman? Sunday, Feb 7 | 12-3PM**  
Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, New Bedford  
508.636.4693 x5011  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Super Bowl Stroll

**Sunday, Feb 7 | 12-3:30PM**  
Farandnear, Shirley  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10, Child Free

### Winter Wanderings at the

**Cobble: Sharing Nature with Children Sunday, Feb 7 | 2-4PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10; Cost does not include the cost of snowshoe rentals.

### Snowy Creations

**Monday, Feb 9 | 3:30-4:30PM**  
World's End, Hingham  
781.740.7233  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$25

### Winter Salari

**Tuesdays, Feb 9, Feb 23 11AM-1PM**  
Norris Reservation, Norwell  
508.636.4693 x5010  
Member \$10/family; Nonmember \$15/family

### Polar Explorers Club: After

**School Adventures Tuesday, Feb 9 | 3-5PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

### Night Light Adventures!

**Wednesday, Feb 10 | 8-9PM**  
Ward Reservation, Andover and North Andover  
978.356.4351 x4020  
Member \$15/car; Nonmember \$25/car

### Polar Explorers After-school

**Club (ages 7-12) Thursday, Feb 11 | 3-5PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

### Farm Inspired Crafts for Kids

**Saturdays, Feb 13, Feb 19, Feb 20 9:30-11:30AM**  
Appleton Farms, Hamilton and Ipswich  
978.356.5728 x4118  
Member & Nonmember Free

### Winter Sand Art

**Saturday, Feb 13 | 11AM-1PM**  
Norton Point Beach, Martha's Vineyard  
508.693.7662  
Member Adult \$5; Nonmember Adult \$10, Child Free

### Abominable Snowman

**Tracking Saturday, Feb 13 | 12Noon-2PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield or Norris Reservation, Norwell  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Cooking with Annie at

**Powisset: Kids Valentine's Day Treats Saturday, Feb 13 | 2-4PM**  
Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member (Adult & Child): \$60; Nonmember (Adult & Child): \$75

### Astronomy Night at

**Powisset Farm Saturday, Feb 13 | 6-8PM**  
Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member Free; Nonmember \$5

### Holiday Hot Cocoa

**Snowshoe Hike Monday, Feb 15 | 1-3PM**  
Farandnear, Shirley  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult \$5, Child Free, snowshoes \$5; Nonmember Adult \$10, Child Free, snowshoes \$7

### Vacation Week

**Snowshoe Rentals Daily, Monday, Feb 15 - Friday, Feb 16 | 10AM-3PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Afternoons at Ames

**Daily, Monday, Feb 15 - Friday, Feb 19 | 1-3PM**  
Gov. Oliver Ames Estate, Easton  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$15/day; Nonmember \$20/day

### Mornings at the Park

**Daily, Monday, Feb 15 - Friday, Feb 19 | 9-11AM**  
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole  
781.784.0567 x7543  
Member \$15/day; Nonmember \$20/day

### Expedition! Vacation Week

**(ages 7-12) Daily Monday, Feb 15 - Friday, Feb 19 | 10AM-12Noon**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$25/day; Nonmember \$35/day (all 5 for \$100/\$140)

### Ready, Set, Snow! Winter

**Vacation Snowshoe Rentals. Daily, Monday, Feb 15 - Friday, Feb 19 | 10AM-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$10, Nonmember \$20

### Mornings at the Manse:

**Attic Adventures Tuesday, Feb 16 - Thursday, Feb 18 | 10-11:30AM**  
Old Manse, Concord  
978.369.3909  
Member \$5, Nonmember Adult \$10; Senior/Student \$9; Child (6-12) \$5; Family (2 adults & up to 3 children) \$25

### Farm Vacation Blast!

**Daily, Tuesday, Feb 19 - Friday, Feb 19 | 9AM-1PM**  
Weir River Farm, Hingham  
781.740.7233  
Member \$45/day; Nonmember \$65/day

### Stop, Look & Listen Tour

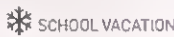
**Tuesday, Feb 16 | 1-3PM**  
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich  
978.810.5892  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10



Program details subject to change. For the most up-to-date event information, or to search for events in your area, at a specific property, by type or by date, click on *Things To Do* at [thetrustees.org](http://thetrustees.org).



COOKING



SCHOOL VACATION

Where would you like to explore?

**BERKSHIRES PIONEER VALLEY CENTRAL GREATER BOSTON NORTH SHORE SOUTH SHORE SOUTH COAST CAPE & ISLANDS**

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# March

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

### Winter Weekend Snowshoe

**Rentals Weekends through Mar 13 10AM-3PM**  
Rocky Woods, Medfield  
978.356.4351 x4001  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Let it Snow! Snowshoe Rentals

**Weekends through Mar 20 10AM-3PM**  
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester  
978.281.8400  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$20

### Snowshoe Sundays

**Sundays through Mar 13 10AM-3PM**  
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield  
413.298.3239 x3013  
Member Adult & Child Snowshoe Rental \$5; Nonmember Adult & Child \$7rental

### Nordic Race Series:

**Bread 'n Jam Classic Saturday, Mar 5 | 10AM**  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Trustees OR Berkshire Trails Members \$10; Free if members of both, Nonmember \$20

### Winter Warmth & Walk

**Saturday, Mar 5 | 10-12AM**  
Powisset Farm, Dover  
508.785.0339 x3003  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Snowshoe Saturdays

**Saturday, Mar 5 | 10AM-2PM**  
Norris Reservation, Norwell  
508.636.4693 x5010  
Member \$10/rental; Nonmember \$20/rental

### Snowy Owl Prowl

**Sunday, Mar 13 | 1-3PM**  
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Ipswich  
978.810.5892  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### Maple Moon Ski and

**Snowshoe Saturday, Mar 19 | 7-10PM**  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Members \$10; Nonmembers: \$20

### Ward Winter Snowshoe/

**Hike Treks Sunday, Mar 20 | 1-3PM**  
Ward Reservation, Andover and North Andover  
978.921.1944 x4020  
Member \$5; Nonmember \$10

### Full Moon & Folklore Hike

**Wednesday, Mar 23 | 7-9PM**  
Crane Wildlife Refuge, Ipswich  
978.810.5892  
Member \$10; Nonmember \$15

### DIY (Do-It-Yourself)

**Snowshoeing at Farandnear Sunday, Mar 27 | 10AM-3PM**  
Farandnear, Shirley  
413.298.3239 x3016  
Member Adult & Child



## Ongoing Programs

### HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS

*The Old Manse in Concord is open throughout the winter for tours.*

#### What to Do with Friends and Family Week

Sundays, Dec 27 - Jan 3

12Noon-4:30PM

Old Manse, Concord

978.369.3909

House Tour admission. Member \$5.  
Nonmember \$10; Senior/Student \$9;  
Children 6-12 \$5

#### Winter Warming Weekends

Saturday, Jan 9 - Sunday, Mar 13

12Noon-4:30PM

Old Manse, Concord

978.369.3909

Tour admission: Member \$5;

Nonmember \$10; Senior/Student \$9;

Children 6-12 \$5

### skiNOTCHVIEW

*If you're a nordic or snowshoe aficionado, head up to Windsor to enjoy some winter fun.*

#### Nordic Skiing and Snowshoeing

Daily, through Sunday, Mar 27

8AM-4:30PM

Notchview, Windsor

413.684.0148

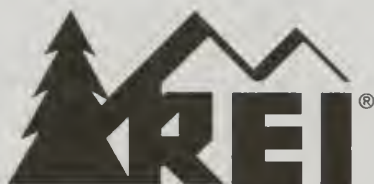
Visit [thetrustees.org/notchview](http://thetrustees.org/notchview) for pricing on day and season passes.

**Bill Koch Youth Ski League**  
Sundays, Dec 27 - Feb 28 | 2-4PM  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Visit [thetrustees.org/notchview](http://thetrustees.org/notchview) for youth league costs

**Tuesday Night Race Series**  
Tuesdays, Dec 29 - Mar 22 | 6:30PM  
Registration; 7:30PM Start  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Trustees Or Berkshire Trails  
Members \$5; Free if members of both;  
Nonmember \$10

**Junior Ski Patrol**  
Saturday, Jan 2 - Saturday,  
Feb 20 | 12Noon  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Free + purchase of jacket

**Ski Lessons**  
Weekends starting Sunday,  
Jan 3 through Saturday,  
Mar 12 | 11AM group lesson  
and also by appointment  
Notchview, Windsor  
413.684.0148  
Member \$20 group lesson/\$45  
individual lesson; Nonmembers \$25  
group lesson/\$50 individual lesson



## REI Outdoor School

REI Outdoor School classes and outings combine professional instruction with hands-on practice in the field. Now you can try a new outdoor skill or adventure and enjoy your favorite Trustees property.

Visit [thetrustees.org/rei](http://thetrustees.org/rei)  
for a full class list.

# COME SEE WHAT'S COOKIN'

Located at the Boston Public Market, the KITCHEN is for the curious and the epicurean, for the beginner and the expert. You'll find cooking demos, health & wellness classes, and special events.

Details: [thetrustees.org/turniptheheat](http://thetrustees.org/turniptheheat)



## KITCHEN

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# WINTER'S CALL

BY MATT HEID

This winter, don't take the snow sitting down. Own it. Stomp it. Revel in it. And, most importantly, get outside and enjoy it.

Dozens of Trustees properties across the state sparkle with a range of winter adventures, from snowshoeing to sledding, cross-country skiing to a simple walk through snow-covered woods. And to help you get out—and stomping—this season, The Trustees is offering snowshoe rentals at an expanded array of locations, making it easier than ever for you and your family to revel in this magical season.

## Winter Wonder

Snow transforms the landscape, blankets it with hushed beauty, and provides a glittering experience that simply cannot be had at other times of year. “There is something beautiful

and wonderful about the winter world in New England,” reflects Alex Dunn, Engagement Site Manager for the Charles River Valley. “There’s a childhood appeal, a playfulness together with a sense of serenity and stillness.”

“It’s a whole other world out there,” affirms Kristen Swanberg, The Trustees’ Director of Public Programming. “It’s magical. It’s quieter. You can see where animals are travelling by their tracks in the snow. And without all the leaves on the trees you get views you don’t have the rest of the year.”

But what about the cold and biting nip of winter? “What many people don’t realize is

that you can actually be quite warm if you have the right type of clothing,” explains Swanberg. Dunn agrees, “If you’re doing anything active, your body heats up so quickly that it’s not really an issue. You should be prepared with an extra layer, but it’s your hands, feet, and face that are usually the first to get cold. Keep those warm and your torso will stay warm even in light activity.”

## Snowshoe Power

If you can walk, you can snowshoe—it’s that easy. And once you strap on a pair of snowshoes, new realms of winter adventure await. “Because snowshoes are designed to float you



Never been on snowshoes or cross country skis? Never fear. Lessons and encouragement are here, for kids and adults, at places like Notchview.

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Stay warm with hats and mittens, or even elf ears – (almost) anything goes!

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on top of the snow, you're literally walking on water," notes Dunn. "You don't sink up to your knee or thigh, and they give you extra traction when you go uphill."

This winter it's easier than ever for you and your family to give snowshoeing a try. For the first time, snowshoe rentals are available at a half dozen properties around the state, from Cape Ann to the Berkshires, South Shore to the Boston 'burbs (see sidebar).

Of course, if you have your own pair, nearly every property in the state transforms into a snowshoeing playground once enough snow falls. Wherever you go, bring along a pair, of trekking poles to help maintain balance, especially if you're just starting out. Add a pair of snow baskets to the ends of your poles for increased stability and to prevent them from piercing straight down into the snow.



Organized snowshoe activities also await. Learn the basics in an introductory clinic at Francis William Bird Park in Walpole (January 9, February 13) or Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens in New Bedford (January 12, 19, 26). Strike a pose in a snowshoe yoga workshop at Bullitt Reservation in the Pioneer Valley (February 13), Bartholomew's Cobble in Sheffield (February 28), or Walpole's Bird Park (all Sundays in January). Take your young children on a snowshoeing winter safari and search for hidden stuffed animals at Norris Reservation in Norwell (January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23), or participate in the Amazing Arctic Race at Ravenswood Park in Gloucester (February 13), a timed quest to solve winter challenges set up throughout the park. For a complete list of winter activities, check the Things To Do pull-out calendar in the center of this magazine or click Things To Do on the Trustees website at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

## Don't Hibernate. Recreate!

Snowshoeing is delightful. So are cross-country skiing, sledding, and a host of other winter activities. You can discover them all on Trustees properties, including great sledding hills at Ward Reservation in Andover and Chestnut Hill Farm in Southborough or the potential inaugural season of ice skating on Chickering Pond at Rocky Woods in Medfield (conditions dependent). In the Berkshires, regular winter activities beckon at Notchview in Windsor, including the nighttime Brew Moon Ski and Snowshoe (February 20) and Maple Moon Ski and Snowshoe (March 19).

No matter which activity entices you, just remember: Winter is a powerful reason to get out, not an easy excuse to stay inside. "People often have this natural hunker-down-and-hibernate response to winter," observes Swanberg. But, as Dunn notes, "We can't just shutter ourselves indoors for months at a time. We need to remain active, get our bodies moving, and get our minds out of the indoor space."

Happy winter!

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# GO SNOWSHOE!

Snowshoe rentals are available at the following properties this winter, weather permitting:

■ **Ravenswood Park (Gloucester):** Tromp through 600 acres of diverse terrain and forest. Rentals available weekends, Monday holidays, and during February school vacation week.

■ **Rocky Woods (Medfield):** Stomp out to visit the property's far-reaching viewpoints or one of its five ponds. Weekend rentals are available at the site's warm cabin, complete with hot cocoa.

■ **Norris Reservation (Norwell):** Cruise through tranquil woods and alongside the frozen shores of the tidal North River. Rentals available on select Saturdays.

■ **Farandnear (Shirley):** Snowshoe beneath the boughs of diverse conifers at the site's pinetum. Rentals on select Sundays.

■ **Notchview (Windsor):** Daily rentals set you free to explore miles of trails through more than 3,000 acres of snowy woods.

■ **Bartholomew's Cobble (Sheffield):** On Sundays, you can rent snowshoes, climb to far-reaching views, and then warm back up with hot cocoa at the visitor center.



# Garden Year-Round

The cold months are no time to go dormant!

By Jaci Conry

As the colder weather closes in on us New Englanders, one might assume that it's time to put thoughts of gardening on hold until Old Man Winter is behind us. Yet while frosty temperatures may prevent most plants from growing, there's still plenty to be done for the garden during the winter.

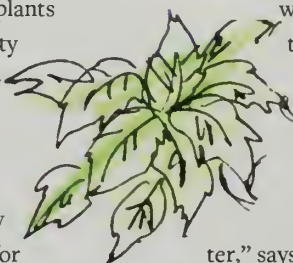
Get outside before the snow and truly bitter temperatures take hold, says Jeremy Dick, Stewardship Manager for The Trustees' Boston Community Gardens. "You can plant shallot and garlic bulbs into December, for example. Establish the beds, work the soil, and stick the bulbs in. This will start the growing process early. By June you'll be harvesting." The key is to mulch the bulbs to a depth of four to six inches to

ensure that plants are protected from cold temperatures and drying winds.

Dick recommends using salt marsh hay or leaves on recently planted bulbs as well as in the rest of the garden. The mulch will break down a little over the winter and you will have a head start on preparing the garden for next year's growth. "Putting down an additional layer of mulch over perennials and edible landscape plants after the first frost will improve and keep the soil in place during the winter," says Dick.

Winter is also a good time to build garden structures like arbors, fencing, and composters, adds Dick. "During the winter you're not relying on the living world so you don't have to worry about plants getting in your way."

Since deciduous plants and trees are dormant during winter, the season is prime





time for pruning, says Michelle de Lima, The Trustees' Engagement Site Manager for Boston Community Gardens. "It's easier to see the plant structure in the winter because the leaves aren't there. Additionally, pruning creates wounds in the plant structure that insects, bacteria and fungus can invade during the warmer months—in the winter these pests are less active."

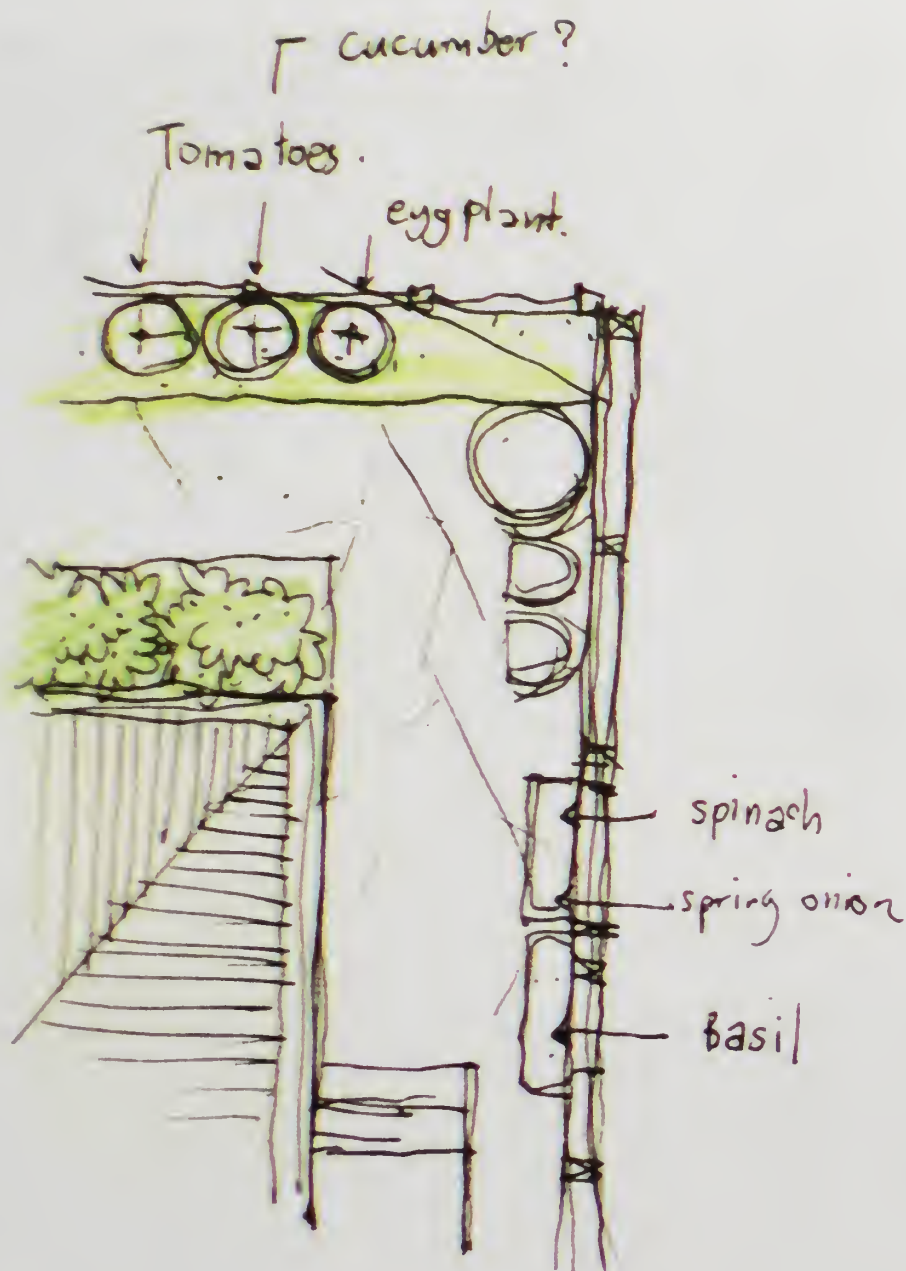
When temperatures are too frigid for working outdoors, there's much planning that can be done indoors for next year's garden. Plan the layout of your garden says de Lima. "To maximize the space you have, use graph paper to sketch where you are going to plant specific items." Think about the holes that appeared in your landscape during the past season and consider if and how you could fill in gaps, if you want to move a tree, for example, or add a new shrub.

It's also important to have an idea of how you want to plant a succession of crops. "If you are planning to plant lettuce, know that it will be gone in four weeks and plan what you'll plant next in that location so you don't have an empty spot in your garden," notes de Lima.

Finally, utilize the off-season to research. "Leaf through seed catalogs and go online," says de Lima. "Search and learn about crops that are really good for our climate—you might be surprised by the varieties that can flourish in New England."

There's plenty to do for your garden this winter; it's only the plants that should be dormant!

Jaci Conry is a Cape Cod-based writer and editor, who specializes in architecture, landscape, and design.



## Want to Know (and Grow) More?

The Trustees offers programs to provide more garden tips and inspiration in the offseason. Shake off the winter chill and sign up today!

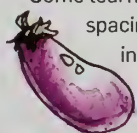
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Is it easy being green? Trustees' new Director of Horticulture Jason Veil gives us a glimpse.

## Q Trustees' Director of Horticulture, Unveiled

Did you know The Trustees has a wide portfolio of historic garden properties? Meet Jason Veil, our first-ever Director of Horticulture, who plans to dig deep (and get his hands dirty) exploring the possibilities.

Q & A

**Jason Veil**  
DIRECTOR OF  
HORTICULTURE

**Q: Tell us about your professional roots.**

**A:** At Penn State I majored in urban forestry, and minored in horticulture. I love the diversity of tree species and wooded plants, and I wanted to work where I could deal with plants daily. I cut my teeth at a handful of Maryland nurseries specializing in hard to find plants and new introductions, the aristocrats of the landscape world.

**Q: What brought you to The Trustees?**

**A:** During grad school, I met Cindy Brockway (The Trustees' Cultural Resources Program Director) at a public garden conference. She introduced me to what a great organization The Trustees is. When the Director of Horticulture position came up, it felt like a perfect fit – I'm a total plant geek and want to share my passion to inspire and educate people.

**Q: Can you give us a sneak peek into your plans?**

**A:** Our gardens are poised to shine. There is so much potential and promise – let's welcome new audiences for a wine tasting, an art installation, or a concert, for example. We need to be modern and relevant.

**Q: What's your first order of business?**

**A:** Much as The Trustees' Archives and Research Center catalogs collections, our team will catalog plant specimens. It starts with documentation – we'll begin with four gems: Long Hill, Haskell, Castle Hill and Naumkeag. Each site has several thousand plants that we need to tag and map.

**Q: What gives you the biggest thrill in your work?**

**A:** A lot of people don't recognize that horticulture makes our world a more beautiful, livable place. It makes hard things softer, it makes drab things more colorful. The biggest thrill for me is getting people hooked. I want everyone to drink the "hort Kool Aid!"

*Editor's Note: Jason has just received the Shiu-ying Hu Award "given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the knowledge of the genus Ilex through scholarly study and research, and who have disseminated this knowledge through teaching or publication" by the Holly Society of America. Congratulations, Jason!*



# CHARLES ELIOT, WAVERLY OAKS, AND THE ORIGINS OF THE LAND PRESERVATION MOVEMENT

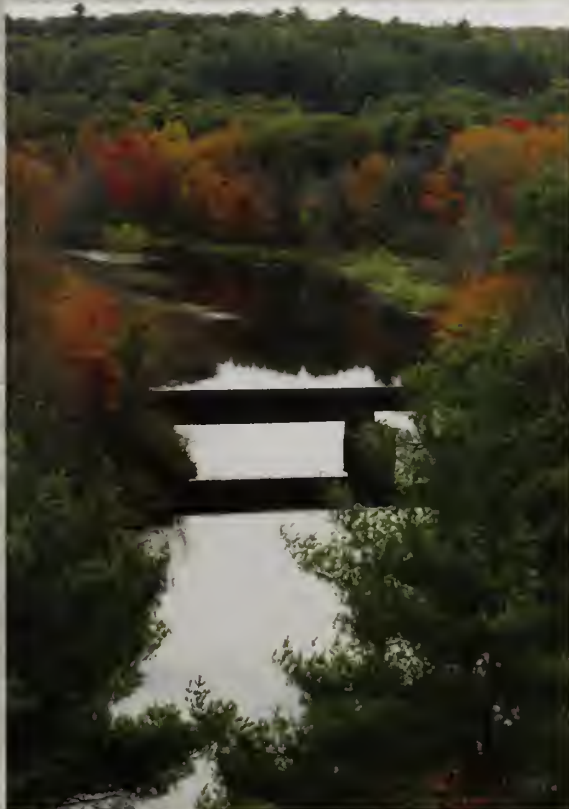
## WHERE IT ALL BEGAN



Charles Eliot

*"As Boston's lovers of art united to found the Art Museum, so her lovers of Nature should now rally to preserve for themselves and all the people as many as possible of these scenes of natural beauty which, by great good fortune, still exist near their doors."*

In his letter to *Garden and Forest*, Charles Eliot mentioned, as an example of natural scenery worthy of protection, "At the Upper Falls of Charles River the stream flows darkly between rocky and broken banks, from which hang ranks upon ranks of graceful Hemlocks." This site in Sherborn would several years later become Rocky Narrows, the oldest of The Trustees' properties.



With this prescient rallying cry, landscape architect Charles Eliot concluded his February 19, 1890 letter, entitled "The Waverly Oaks," to the editor of *Garden and Forest*—a letter that outlined a "scheme" to save some of the "finest bits of natural scenery near Boston," for the "delight [of] many future generations." In his letter, Eliot singled out the Waverly Oaks, a stand of 22 mighty and ancient oaks on a steep hill in Belmont, and the Upper Falls of the Charles River, as examples of potential country parks that would provide fresh air, scenic beauty, and opportunities for quiet repose, as antidotes to the ills of urban life.

Eliot's letter became the catalyst for a movement that convinced the Massachusetts State Legislature to establish, just one year later, a unique statewide organization "for the purposes of acquiring, holding, maintaining and opening to the public...beautiful and historic places...within the Commonwealth." Thus The Trustees, the first preservation organization of its kind in the world, was born.

ILLUSTRATIONS:—*Botis nelumbialis*; larva, Fig. 18.  
*Botis nelumbialis*; moth, Fig. 19.  
*Gladiolus Turicensis*, Fig. 20.  
 The Waverly Oaks.  
 A Simple Plant Protector, Fig. 21.

### The Waverly Oaks.

THERE is in Belmont, one of the suburbs of Boston, and formerly a part of the ancient town of Waverly, a group of Oaks which has come to be known in recent years as the Waverly Oaks, from the village in which they stand. These Waverly Oaks are, all considered, the most interesting trees in eastern Massachusetts, and although there are larger Oaks in New England and in the Middle States, a group containing so many trees is not often seen now anywhere in eastern America. There are in this group twenty-three large Oaks and a large Elm growing on an area of two or three acres, all White Oaks, with the exception of a few. They occupy mainly the slope of which flows...

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Waverly Oaks were also the setting for an important proposal in Trustees' history. Arthur Shurcliff, the landscape architect of Castle Hill and its renowned and glorious Allée, proposed marriage to Margaret Homer Nichols under the Oaks in 1904. Shurcliff, a student and eventual colleague of Charles Eliot in Frederick Law Olmsted's Brookline landscape architecture firm, would go on to design Colonial Williamsburg, the Charles River Esplanade, and Old Sturbridge Village, among many other famous sites.

Background: Waverly Oaks, 1896. Photograph by Nathaniel L. Stebbins, Courtesy DCR Archives.

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# Amelia Peabody

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### *Extending a legacy*



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Amelia Peabody (1890-1984) was a very private person with a public conscience. As a young “lady of society,” she proclaimed, “If I ever do take up charity, I intend to do it, and not half do it.” And do it, she did—acquiring farmland in Dover (including what is now Powisset Farm, right, and Noanet Woodlands,) opening her land for public use, and quietly distributing her wealth for the public good. Trained as a sculptor, Miss Peabody even built herself a solar studio, and pursued sculpture her entire life. But she preferred to spend the bulk of her time on her beloved farm, and devoted herself to horseback riding and animal husbandry. And as she grew older and was unable to ride, she relished seeing others gallop by, enjoying the land.

The Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund (APCF) extends her legacy, having awarded nearly \$200 million in grants to New England nonprofits that further her lifelong interests in health, visual arts, land conservation and historic preservation since its inception in 1974. The Trustees are delighted to name the APCF as 2015 winners of the Charles Eliot Award, our most prestigious honor, as Conservationists of the Year for their many contributions to conservation and preservation of open space throughout Massachusetts. Major donors to the Allée and Casino restoration projects at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, the APCF were critical supporters of our efforts to enhance and expand agricultural, educational, and outreach operations



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— AMELIA PEABODY

at Powisset Farm (Miss Peabody’s farm), and in the acquisition and permanent protection of two crucial parcels of land at Pegan Hill Reservation in Natick and Dover.

Upon accepting the award at The Trustees’ recent Annual Meeting, the APCF managing trustee quoted a letter written to Miss Peabody from another organization that had benefitted from her generosity, saying “It is a privilege to receive money from a friend, to pour into the lives of others.” Our feelings exactly!



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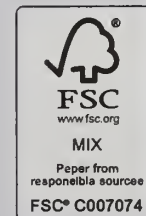
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Colin Harrington has been a Trustees member and supporter in the Hilltowns for many years. A teacher and poet, he helped develop the Bryant Day concept at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead, recruiting many speakers and poets to read. "The Bryant Homestead is a special place for exploring nature and finding peace and tranquility," says Harrington, noting "it is also at the heart of American Poetry and the legacy of freedom and democracy in this country."

He is also an avid cross-country skier and frequent Notchview visitor, where, among his many contributions, he has organized a series of stargazing events. For Colin, volunteering with The Trustees offers "a greater sense of satisfaction that we are part of the whole mission, adding to the quality of life that these properties bring to the community."

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